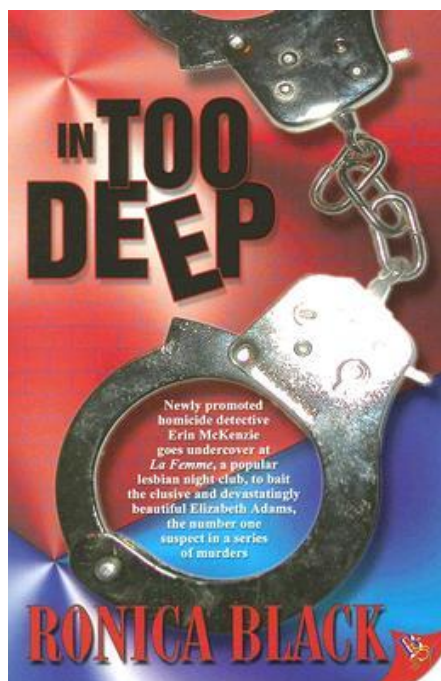




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When undercover work requires working under the covers, danger is an uninvited bedfellow...

Erin McKenzie, a newly promoted homicide detective, lands the assignment of her career when she is chosen to investigate Elizabeth Adams, the number one suspect in a slew of serial murders. Adams, elusive and devastatingly beautiful, is not only an accomplished seductress but also a lesbian. Erin, straight and married, needs a crash course in more than just undercover detecting. With Patricia Henderson, a fellow homicide cop and Adam's former lover as a mentor, Erin embarks on the journey of her life...with love and danger hot on her heels.

In Too Deep Details

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Elma Vanilla says

The book had my undivided attention from the very beginning!! The characters were all perfect and the story so beautiful!! Definitely worth another read!

Ezra says

3.5 Stars.

Maria says

Sure, the story's not deep and meaningful. Sure, it doesn't make sense. But this is a fun and naughty book if you don't expect too much from it.

Lex Kent says

This is the first Ronica Black book I have read and I liked it. The romance was good, the murder story-line decent, and the sex scenes where very steamy. If your looking for a hot crime drama, this is a good choice.

Serena says

In too deep is especially good at describing and building sexual tension. The scenes between Erin and Liz are very good. I personally found the rest of the story too long and therefore I'm not sure why there is a part 2. Of course I'm going to read part 2, but I am very curious about the quality. Actually I wanted to give 3.5 stars, therefore I gave 4 stars, 3 stars is too little.

Susanne says

Great mystery read! Enjoyed the interaction between the undercover police officer Erin McKenzie and the beautiful intriguing alleged serial murder suspect Elizabeth Adams..... Looking forward to reading the sequel...

Megan says

I recently read a review of another lesbian mystery that began with the words "Well-written." I read on, but noticed that the reviewer gave the book only two stars because she didn't find it interesting. *In Too Deep* is

the opposite: interesting, but not well written.

It's not your typical whodunit. Although solving the homicide is an important part of the book, it is the romance between the detective and the suspect (and her co-worker) that the author spends the most effort on. And it is an effort well rewarded. From titillating to smoldering, to graphic, this author knows how to write a sex scene—and to lead up to one as well. The actual mystery, too, is fairly riveting and contains several well-executed changes of direction. Call it "romantic suspense," then--a more and more popular genre these days.

The fact that the protagonist, Erin McKenzie, is an undercover officer is unusual and a welcome change from the run-of-the-mill homicide detective. And the fact that she is straight—at least when the book begins—sets it apart from 95 percent of the books on our list. Another welcome diversity.

But the writing style is worse than pedestrian. It reminds me more of a cheap porno novel than a mystery. Here are some examples.

"It was going be okay. All of it. She had Liz by her side, now and forever. Together, they could get through anything."

"Was she ready to let someone love her? Physically as well as emotionally?:"

"But Erin made her feel comfortable and accepted, and she knew she could speak her true feelings without fear of judgment or rejection."

"Erin was the most beautiful woman she had ever seen. No other woman could even compare."

"She blushed at her own thoughts."

Etc. It's like someone is trying to achieve free indirect discourse without knowing what the term means. It isn't that the language is misleading, it is just, well, easy. Almost cliched. It makes you think, "Wow, if this writer had an original voice, this could have been a terrific novel all the way around."

As it is, readers of erotica will be floored, romance readers will be either shocked or satiated, and readers of porno will have a new hero. But as in most mysteries I have read lately, the actual plot and denouement of the crime are not believable. Likewise the character studies, where arrogant becomes gentle and gentle becomes murderous without much in between.

If you are a writer, stay away from this one. Bad habits in language abound--and they are catching. Again, this book is going to get some very good reviews from people that are not very literary. Does this matter? Well, not to them and more power to Ronica Black for giving them a thrill. But it matters to me. For me to really enjoy a book, I have to be awed at the author's verbal skills. In this book it is all I can do not to be awed at their absence.

Note: I read the November, 2013 e-book version of this novel.

Another Note: See my full reviews of over 250 other Lesbian Mystery novels at <http://www.goodreads.com/group/show/1...>

Alex is The Romance Fox says

Wow!!!!!!!!!! This is a really hot book!!!! I more than loved it. One of the best books I have read in this genre...believe me when I say it's really difficult finding good books in f/f romance category.

In Too Deep, Ronica Black's debut book and a great one at that, has so many things going for it. Romance, mystery, sex, great characters and so many twists and turns that keep you glued to your seat until the very last page.

Erin McKenzie, an undercover cop is assigned to get closer to Elizabeth Adams, the owner of La Femme, a famous lesbian club and a murder suspect in the murders of several men whom she had openly threatened. Elizabeth Adams, the ultimate gorgeous, seductive, rich and powerful, who every woman, gay or straight wants, is totally enthralling. I fell under her spell.....believe me when I say I could turn GFH any day!!! And that's exactly what happens when Erin first lays eyes on her.

I could go on and onbut....I am going to try and not make this a too long "drool".....

A fabulous, compelling, well-paced, character-driven plots and sub-plots that surprised me each time I thought I thought I knew what would happen next. Pacing filled with tension and unexpected turns that had me gasping a few times.

Elizabeth's world is one of wicked decadence, beautiful women who want to and be seduced by other women and at the same time, there's certain sadness underneath the facade she shows. There's something underneath all that gloss, something good, a vulnerability that no one is allowed to see or touch until she meets Erin.

The club scenes were so awesome....the themes, the vividness.....I was there....I could hear the pounding music, taste the flowing champagne, touch the gorgeous women....ooohhhhhh!!

I loved how the author had me wanting something good happen between the two mc's. I felt so many emotions – happiness, sadness, anger, surprised. That's how much this story grabbed me.

Ronica Black writes the most erotic, sexy, sensual and very hot sex scenes ever that had me actually reading every single word/sentence/page slowly so I could savor the moments between Liz & Erin.

A brilliant and emotional story, unforgettable characters that I fell in love with and an intricate plot that had me reading this book non-stop...in one go!!!

I can't wait to read the follow-up. I need more and more of Liz Adams & Erin Mckenzie.

Farah says

The police has a suspect on the latest crimes. Elizabeth Adams is an owner of a lesbian night club called Le Femme. She is a suspect because the men who were killed wanted to close her club & she was heard threatening them. Erin Mac, goes undercover in the club as the typical woman Adams would stake. Short blond hair & fit.

This was one of the worst books I've ever read. There wasn't one intense relationship between any of the

characters.

Adams lured Erin by getting her house number & address after their first encounter where Erin plays hard to get. Erin agrees to meet Liz after this attempt. I don't know about you but stalking isn't exactly a way to impress someone. Liz is portrayed negatively at the beginning and at the end she is described to be misunderstood.. which I didn't buy.

The ending blows. Adams begged Erin not to tell about her sister's murders which is really strange since Erin is a detective & is investigating this case & their relationship wasn't intense nor developed for Erin to cover her. And when Erin calls an ambulance, Adams disappears while she had a bullet wound & was lying on the ground minutes ago.

The last scene, Liz was in some sort of paradise & is wondering whether Erin did tell about her sister. How did she get away? I'm sure since she can get someone's home number & address she could easily acquire easy info.

Awful plot & events played out felt like they were written with no consideration when the idea came to mind.

Irene (Functioning LesFic Addict) says

[gif: drunk emperor lazily declaring: "nice...nice...not thrilling...but, nice.]

3.5/5

SYNOPSIS

This story focuses on three characters: Erin, Liz, and Patricia. Essentially, it is a love-triangle within a murder mystery. The drama surrounding the crime affects the members of the triangle and the triangle affects the investigation of the crime. Erin is a cop/detective/something that must go undercover to seduce Liz, the tall, dark, and brooding lothario, all the while under the supervision of Patricia (also a cop/detective/something). Patricia give Erin a crash course on lesbianism, but both are surprised that Erin may already have some lesbianism in her.

PROS:

(1) I am always a sucker for a female version of the dude from 50 Shades minus the boundary issues, and Liz does not disappoint! For example, her body was often described as powerful *swoon*.

She carried her to the door of her private room, balancing her up against the wall while she typed in her code.

(2) Ronica Black knows how to write a great sex scene. On top of that, Erin's first time playing her partner actually included some hesitation and insecurity. I was happy to see a formerly (never-really?) straight woman not become an expert on her first go!

CONS:

(1) The prologue. (view spoiler)

(2) The mystery was weak. I'd rather if Ronica Black focused more on the romance. (view spoiler)

(3) The author devoted waaaay too much time to Patricia's POV and not nearly enough in Liz's who is the most interesting character. I wanted to connect more with Liz but couldn't because of her lack of inner dialogue.

(4) I'm really not sure why/how Erin was able to get through Liz's walls. They had maybe two-three dates before Liz realized Erin's hold on her. But why? Because she played hard to get? I kind of weakened the romance.

FINAL THOUGHTS

It felt a little lack luster to me. It actually took me a week to read it, which rarely happens (I usually an all-night/day-er, two days at the most). However, Conquest and Midnight Room are one of my favorite stories and off of the strength of those two books, the potential angst a character like Liz can bring, abd the sex, this was a worthwhile read and i look forward to book two.

RECOMMENDATION

I have no problems recommending this to anyone looking great sex scenes in their mystery-romance books.

M says

Really good plot line, excellent characters and a little hot sex. Looking forward to reading more of her books.

Heidi says

A few twists and turns.. Some I expected and some were a surprise...

Leksa says

I absolutely loved it!!!
I'm officially in love with Liz Adams....

Jean says

Great story, great characters, good mystery and steamy sex. The big downside to this story was the constant head-hopping!

Sunny says

Not recommended

One dimensional characters and poor storyline. I had a really hard time finishing this book and won't be reading its sequel.
